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Have we got news for you this month!

First, the simple announcements: We now have a new S-C Macro Cross Assembler for the Zilog Z-8 microprocessor. For only \$32.50 Macro Assembler owners can add the ability to develop code for this popular chip.

And some good news for you Corvus hard disk owners: The problem in the Macro Assembler with having your Target File on a different volume from your source files is now whipped. Just send in your original Version 1.1 diskette for a free update.

Now the big story: After repeated requests from many users, we have decided to make available the complete Source Code for S-C Macro Assembler Version 1.1. See the last page of this issue for details.

Another product for which we have held back selling source code is the Double Precision Floating Point package for Applesoft (DPFP). From now on that product will be sold WITH source code, at the unforgiveably low price of \$50. If you already are a registered owner of DPFP, or can supply other proof-of-purchase, we will send you the source code for \$15. In case you never heard of DPFP, it is a 2048-byte &-module that provides 21-digit arithmetic and I/O for Applesoft.

Cyclic Redundancy Check Subroutine.....Bob Sander-Cederlof

In the May 1983 AAL I wrote about checksums and parity, two ways to guarantee the integrity of data. In the world of microprocessors, you may encounter checksums at the end of data records on tape or disk, and parity bits on characters sent via a modem between computers. Tacking on parity bits and checksums to data helps in checking whether the data has been changed. However, there are more secure methods.

The best method I have ever heard of is commonly called Cyclic Redundancy Check, or CRC for short. Since it appears a lot more complicated than parity or checksum, it stands to reason it should have a more complex name. Right? But programmers have a way of reducing all complexity to three capital letters, so we will call it CRC.

First, a little review. The kind of parity I most frequently see adds an 8th bit on the left of a 7-bit value. The parity bit is chosen so that the total number of one-bits in the 8-bit byte is odd. For example, the seven bit number 1011010 (which might stand for an ASCII "Z") becomes 11011010, or \$DA. If we run into the value 01011010 (\$5A), we know there has been an error somewhere. Of course we don't know which bit is wrong, but we know at least one is because the total number of one-bits is even.

Checksums I run into are normally 8-bit or 16-bit "sums" of a large number of bytes or double bytes. I put "sums" in quotation marks because the checksum may be formed by the exclusive-or operation rather than true addition. In fact, it usually is. Eight-bit checksums formed with exclusive-or are in reality a kind of lengthwise parity. Each bit of the checksum is a parity bit for the column of bits in that position in the block of data.

In the old days, when dinosaurs first began to associate with herds of wildly spinning tape drives, you heard the words "vertical parity" and "longitudinal parity". Vertical parity was in those days a seventh bit for each six-bit character written on the tape, and longitudinal parity was a 7-bit character tacked on the end of each tape record, just like a checksum.

Enough review.

CRC is a much better scheme. A typical CRC implementation would add a 16-bit code to the end of a 256-byte block of data. A simple checksum would warn you of all single-bit errors, and some errors involving more than one bit. But CRC could detect all single and double bit errors, all errors with an odd number of error bits, all bursts of errors up to 16-bits in a row, and nearly all bursts of 17 or 18 bits in a row. Wow!

Also, you can even use CRC codes to CORRECT single-bit errors, if you trade off against some detection of longer error bursts.

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You will run into CRC if you look into hard disks, or well-written modem software.

I like to write well-written programs, so I have been trying to understand CRC for some time now. A long time ago I had access to a book called "Error Correcting Codes", which is a classic. But I can't locate a copy now. I have seen numerous articles on the topic, especially in Computer Design. There was even one in Byte, Sept. 83, page 438. But I couldn't make the program in Byte work the way CRC's are supposed to, and I don't save my old Computer Design magazines.

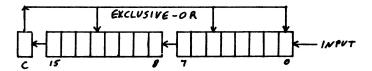
Bobby Deen to the rescue. Bobby had a copy of a public domain routine by Paul Hansknecht, of Carpenter Associates, Box 451, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48013. Actually four little subroutines, to:

- * clear the CRC code value
- * cycle the eight bits of a data byte through the CRC algorithm
- * finish the CRC calculation for an outbound message
- * check the CRC bytes of a received message.

What is the basic idea of CRC? You perform an algorithm on each bit of a block of data, and get a CRC value. You append the CRC value to the data, and transmit both data and CRC. The receiver performs the same algorithm on the total record, both the data and the CRC code; when finished, the result of the receiver's CRC algorithm should be zero. If not zero, there was an error.

I am speaking in terms of sending and receiving, as in transmitting data with a modem. It all applies equally to writing and reading records on a disk, or even in adding check codes to a ROM. The programs I wrote and will list here merely operate on a buffer in RAM, so that I can see what is happening. You can extend them to practical uses from this base.

Which brings us to algorithms. The one Bobby gave me works like this:



The 16-bit value is initialized to zero. Then each bit in the data buffer is presented one at a time where the input arrow is. The bits in the 16-bit value are all shifted left one position, and the new data bit comes in the right end to become the new bit 0. The bit which shifts out the left end is Exclusive-ORed with the bits now found in bits 12, 5, and 0. That is, if the bit shifted out was a zero, nothing happens. If the bit shifted out was a one, exclusive or the 16 bit value with \$1021.

If you understand the math of cyclic polynomials (I don't), this is supposed to be equivalent to $X^16 + X^12 + X^5 + 1$. An organization known to me only as CCITT recommends this polynomial. Another good one is reputed to be $X^16 + X^15 + X^2 + 1$, which is implemented by changing the exclusive or value from \$1021 to \$8005.

After all the bits of the data have been processed through the algorithm, 16 more zero bits are shifted through. After the zeroes, the value in the CRC register is the CRC code we append to the data.

The "receiver" processes the data the same way, starting by zeroing the CRC register. But instead of ending by shifting in 16 more zeroes, the receiver ends by shifting in the CRC code received.

I wanted to see if it really could find all those kinds of errors mentioned above. I wrote a program which would compute the CRC value and append it to a data block. Then I wrote another program which would "receive" the block and print out the resulting CRC value. Then I modified it to one-by-one toggle each bit position in the entire block, simulating a single bit error in each bit position in the whole buffer. My buffer is 256 bytes long, so that means 8*256 or 2048, different error positions. Actually 2064, because of the two bytes of CRC.

This way I experimentally "discovered" that the value produced by the CRC computation on the received message is dependent on the error bit position. It doesn't matter what the data was. Therefore, if I had a lookup table of 2064 16-bit entries, I could search through it and find out which bit position was wrong. There must be an easier way to figure out which bit position is wrong, but that is one of the things I still need to learn.

Okay. CRC.BYTE (lines 2890-3060) is a subroutine to process the eight bits of one byte through the CRC algorithm. CRC.BYTE needs to be called once for each byte of data in the buffer, plus either two zero bytes for a SEND routine or two CRC bytes for a RECV routine.

CRC.BUFFER (lines 2700-2850) is a little subroutine which calls CRC.BYTE once for each byte in the extended buffer. I assume it is called with PNTR pointing at the first byte in the buffer, and LIMIT is equated to the byte just beyond the end. The extended buffer includes either two zeroes on the end, or the two CRC bytes.

SETUP (lines 2610-2690) is a subroutine to initialize the CRC value register to zeroes, and to set PNTR to point at the beginning of the buffer.

The SEND and RECV routines at lines 1160-1380 simulate "sending" and "receiving" the buffer. Note that both SEND and RECV finish by displaying the calculated CRC value. SEND also stores the calculated CRC value into the end of the extended

buffer. RECV should end up with a CRC value of \$0000, unless there have been bits changed between calls to SEND and RECV.

TEST.SINGLE.BIT.ERRORS (lines 1390-1800) is the testing subroutine which I described above. It calls CRC.BUFFER 2064 times. Each time a different bit is changed. I print out the resulting CRC code each time, eight to a line, with the address of the byte containing the error bit leading the line. Before running TEST.SINGLE.BIT.ERRORS, you should run SEND to be sure a valid CRC code is installed in the extended test buffer.

I wrote another test routine which tests all two-bit errors. See TEST.DOUBLE.BIT.ERRORS, lines 1810-2410. The only trouble is it would take about 72 hours to run, so I haven't let it go all the way. I designed it to step through every bit position in two nested loops. If both loops happen to be at the same bit position, the bit will be toggled twice resulting in no error. I designed the program to print the address of the current byte whenever there was no error.

You might experiment with error bursts of various lengths, which should take no longer than TEST.SINGLE.BIT.ERRORS to run.

I would really be interested in finding out how to go backwards from a non-zero received CRC value to correct single-bit errors. Is there some easy way, without either a huge table or a long computation? If any of you know how, or have an article that tells how, pass it along.

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4000<del>-</del>
                                                             .EQ $00,01
.EQ $02,03
.EQ $04,05
.EQ $06
.EQ $07,08
.EQ $09
 0000-
 0002-
                                   1070
 000<del>4</del>-
                                             TPTR
TMASK
 0006-
                                   1090
1100
                                             SPTR
 0007-
                                             SMASK
 0009-
                                   1110
                                  1120
1130
1140
                                                            .EQ
.EQ
                                                             .EQ $F941
.EQ $FD8E
.EQ $FDDA
.EQ $FDED
 F941-
FD8E-
                                             PRNTAX
CROUT
                                             PRBYTE
 FDDA-
                                  1150
1160
1170
1180
 FDED-
                                              COUT
                                                             SIMULATE SENDING A BUFFER-FULL
                                  1180 SEND
1200 SEND
1210
1210
1220
1230
1240
1250
1260
1270
 0800- 20 12 09
                                                             JSR SETUP
                                                                                         CLEAR CRC, POINT AT BUFFER CLEAR CRC BYTES IN BUFFER
 0803- A9
0805- 8D
0808- 8D
0808- 20
                                                             LDA #0
STA LIMIT-1
STA LIMIT-2
                   00
                    01
                          41
41
                    00
21
00
                                                             JSR CRC.BUFFER
LDX CRC ST
LDA CRC+1
STX LIMIT-1
                                                                                         R COMPUTE CRC OF 258 BYTES
STORE CRC INTO LAST 2 BYTES
                           09
080E- A6 00

0810- A5 01

0812- 8E 01 41

0815- 8D 00 41

0818- 20 41 F9

081B- 4C 8E FD
                                                            STA LIMIT-2
JSR PRNTAX
JMP CROUT
                                                                                         DISPLAY THE CRC <RETURN AND RETURN
                                  1290
1300
1310
                                             .
                                                             SIMULATE RECEIVING A BUFFER-FULL
                                 1320 *----
1330 RECV
1340
081E- 20
0821- 20
0824- A6
0826- A5
0828- 20
                                                             JSR SETUP CLE
JSR CRC.BUFFER
                                                                                         CLEAR CRC, POINT AT BUFFER
COMPUTE CRC OF 258 BYTES
                    12 09
21 09
                                  1350
1360
1370
1380
1390
                    ÕÒ
                                                             LDX CRC
                                                                                         DISPLAY CRC IN HEX
                    01
41
                                                            LDA CRC+1
JSR PRNTAX
                           F9
                   8E FD
 082B-
                                                             JMP CROUT
                                                             TRY "RECEIVING" THE 258 BYTES WITH A KNOWN SINGLE-BIT ERROR.
                                 1410 • 1410 • 1420 • 1430 TES 1440 1450 1460 1470 1480 .1
082E- A9 00

0830- 85 04

0832- A9 40

0832- A5 05

0838- A5 04

0838- A6 04

0838- A9 AD

0838- A9 AD

0838- A9 O0

0844- A9 00

0844- B1 04

0844- 45 04
                                           TEST.SINGLE.BIT.ERRORS
                                                            LDA #BUFFER
STA TPTR
                                                                                         FOR TPTR = BUFFER TO LIMIT
                                                             LDA /BUFFER
STA TPTR+1
                    05
05
04
41 F9
                                                            LDA TPTR+1
LDX TPTR
                                 1480 .1
14900
1500
15120
15520
15560
15560
15590
15600
16000
                                                                                                    PRINT TPTR "-"
                                                             JSR PRNTAX
                                                            LDA #"-"
                          FD
                                                             JSR COUT
                                                                                                    FOR TMASK = $80,40,20,10,8,4,2,1
                                                            LDA #$80
STA TMASK
                                                            LDY #0
LDA (TPTR),Y
EOR TMASK
STA (TPTR),Y
0848- B1
084A- 45
084C- 91
084E- 20
0851- 20
                    04
06
                                                                                                             INVERT BIT, MAKING ERROR
                   04
12
21
084C- 91 04

084E- 20 12

0851- 20 21

0854- A9 AD

0859- A5 01

0859- A5 01

0850- 20 41

0860- B1 04

0862- 45 06

0864- 91 04

0866- 46 06

0868- D0 DE
                                                                                        CLEAR CRC, POINT AT BUFFER
ER COMPUTE CRC
PRINT * *CRC
                          09
09
                                                            JSR
                                                                    SETUP
                                                            JSR CRC.BUFFER
LDA #" "
JSR COUT
                                1610
1620
1630
                         FD
                                                            LDA
                                                                    CRC+1
                                                            LDX CRC
JSR PRNTAX
LDA (TPTR),Y
                                  164ŏ
                         F9
                                  1650
                                 1660
1670
1680
                                                                                                             FIX ERRONEOUS BIT
                                                            EOR TMASK
STA (TPTR),Y
LSR TMASK
                                                                                                    NEXT TMASK
                                  1690
             DO DC
20 8E
E6 04
                                 1700
1710
                                                            BNE
                                                                                                    ...MORE
PRINT<CR>
086A- 20
086D- E6
                                                            JSR CROUT
                         FD
                                 1720
1730
1740
                                                                                         NEXT TPTR
                                                            INC
                                                                    TPTR
086F- D0
0871- E6
0873- A5
0875- C9
0877- A5
                    02
05
04
                                                            BNE
                                                                    TPTR+1
TPTR
                                                            INC
                                 1750
1760
1770
                                           • 3
                                                            LDA
                    02
                                                            CMP
                                                                     #LIMIT
                                                            LDA TPTR+1
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0879- E9 41
087B- 90 B9
087D- 60
                                                                                     ... MORE
 087E- A9 00
0880- 85 07
0882- A9 40
0884- 85 08
                                                                                    FOR SPTR=BUFFER TO LIMIT
 0886- A9 80
0888- 85 09
                                                                                    FOR SMASK=80,40,20,10,8,4,2,1
 088A- A9 00
088C- 85 04
088E- A9 40
0890- 85 05
                                                         LDA #BUFFER FOR TPTR=BUFFER TO LIMIT
 0892- A9
0894- 85
                  80
06
                                                                                    FOR TMASK=80,40,20,10,8,4,2,1
0896- A0 00
0898- B1 04
0898- 45 06
089C- 91 04
089E- B1 07
08A0- 45 09
08A2- 91 07
08A4- 20 12
                                                         LDY #0
LDA (TPTR),Y
EOR TMASK
STA (TPTR),Y
LDA (SPTR),Y
                               1990
2000
2010
2020
2030
2040
2050
2060
2070
2080
2090
                                          . 4
                                                                                              MAKE FIRST ERROR
                  04
07
09
07
121
                                                                                              MAKE SECOND ERROR
                                                        LDA (SFIL),
EOR SMASK
STA (SPTR), Y
JSR SETUP CLEAR CRC, POINT AT BUFFER
COMPUTE CRC
BUFFER COMPUTE CRC
            91
20
20
 08A7-
                                                       LDA (SPIN ) EOR SMASK STA (SPTR), Y LDA (TPTR), Y MASK V
            B1
45
91
08AA-
08AC-
                   07
09
07
04
06
04
                               2190
2110
2120
2130
2140
2150
2160
2180
 08AE-
08B0- B1
08B2- 45
08B4- 91
                                                                TMASK
(TPTR),Y
                                                         STA
08B6- A5
08B8- 05
08BA- D0
08BC- 20
                  00
                                                         LDA CRC
                                                                                   IF CRC=0, DISPLAY POINTERS
                  01
03
E8
                                                         ORA CRC+1
                                                        BNE .5 ... CRC .NE. 0, SO CONTINUE JSR DISPLAY.POINTERS
                             80
                               2190
                                                                                   NEXT TMASK
...MORE
NEXT TPTR
                  06
D3
04
02
08BF- 46
08C1- D0
08C1- D0
08C3- E6
08C5- D0
08C7- E6
08C9- A5
08CB- C9
08CD- A5
08CF- E9
08D1- 90
                  05
04
02
                                                        LDA TPTR+1
SBC /LIMIT+1
BCC .3
                   05
41
BF
                                                                                    ...MORE
08D3- 46
08D5- D0
08D7- E6
                                                                                   NEXT SMASK
                   09
                                                                                   ... MORE IN THIS BYTE NEXT SPTR
                  B3
07
08
08
08D9 - D0
08DB- E6
08DD- A5
08DF- C9
08E1- A5
08E3- E9
08E5- 90
08E7- 60
                  07
02
08
                   41
                                                         SBC /LIMIT+1
                                                                                   ...MORE
                   9F
08E8- A5 05
08EA- A6 04
08EC- 20 41 F9
                                                        LDA TPTR+1
LDX TPTR
JSR PRNTAX
                                                                                   PRINT TPTR "-"TMASK" ":
08EF- A9
08F1- 20
08F4- A5
08F6- 20
                  AD
                  ED
06
                        FD
                        FD
                  DA
08F9- A9
08FB- 20
                  ÃÔ
                        FD
                  ED
08
08FE- A5
0900- A6
0902- 20
                                                                                   PRINT SPTR "-"SMASK
                  07
41
                        F9
0905- A9 AD 2560
0907- 20 ED FD 2570
                                                        JSR COUT
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090C- 20 DA FD
090F- 4C 8E FD
                                                      LDA SMASK
JSR PRBYTE
                                                       JMP CROUT
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0912- A9
0914- 85
0916- 85
0918- A9
091A- 85
091C- A9
091E- 85
0920- 60
                                        SETUP
                                                      LDA #0
                                                                                CLEAR CRC
                  00
                                                       STA CRC
                                                      STA CRC+1
LDA #BUFFER
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                                                                               SET UP PNTR TO BUFFER
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                                                      LDA /BUFFER
STA PNTR+1
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                                                      RTS
                         2710
                                                      COMPUTE CRC FROM (PNTR) THRU LIMIT
0921- A0 00
0923- B1 02
0925- 20 39
0928- E6 02
0924- D0 02
0922- E6 03
0928- A5 02
0938- A5 02
0938- E9 41
0938- 60
                                                                                SCAN THRU THE BUFFER
                                                      LDY #0
                                                              (PNTR),Y
CRC.BYTE
PNTR
                        09
                                                                                NEXT BYTE
                                                      INC PNTR+1
LDA PNTR
CMP #LIMIT
LDA PNTR+1
                                                                                CHECK LIMIT
                                                      SBC /LIMIT
                                                                                MORE TO GO
                                                      COMPUTE CRC ON A SINGLE BYTE
0939- A2 08
093B- 0A
093C- 26 00
093E- 26 01
0940- 90 0E
0942- 48
                                                      LDX #8
                                                                                DO 8 BITS
                                                                                MSB OF BYTE TO CARRY
                                                      ROL CRC
                                                      ROL CRC+1
BCC .2
                                                                                --> 0, GET NEXT BIT
--> 1, TOGGLE POLYNOMIAL BITS
                                                     LDA CRC
EOR #$21
STA CRC
LDA CRC+1
EOR #$10
STA CRC+1
09443-
09445-
09449-
0948-
0948-
0948-
           A5955958A000
                  21
                                                                                TOGGLE BITS 0 AND 5
                  01
                  10
01
                                                                                TOGGLE BIT 12
                                                                                NEXT BIT
                  E8
                                                              . 1
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Some more clock cards have been brought to my attention recently.

Prometheus Versacard includes a clock, and it is compatible with ProDOS due to its ability to emulate a Thunderclock. List price is \$199.

Naturally, there is a clock on the Mountain Computer CPS/Multifunction Card. Naturally, because "CPS" stands for Clock Parallel Serial, the three functions the card supports. I cannot find a current price for this card.

Practical Peripherals is advertising ProClock, no price mentioned.

An Evening with Woz......Bill Morgan

Well, maybe not a whole evening, but a good portion of it. And certainly not alone, there were about 150 others in the room. But I did have the opportunity to attend a dinner sponsored by the River City Apple Corps, in Austin, Texas, and hear a speech by Steve Wozniak, the designer of our favorite pastime.

Most of Steve's speech was devoted to the history of his involvement with computers, and the development of the Apple II. That story is pretty well-known by now, so I won't mention too much of it here. The most interesting facets to me were hearing how much of a prankster Woz has always been, and finding out how many features of the Apple II were motivated only by Steve's desire to write a Breakout game in BASIC.

My favorite part of the evening was the question-and-answer session and the informal chats afterward, when we all got our chance to ask about what we really wanted to know. The first question is mine, the rest came from all around the room. These are the items that seem to be of most concern to AAL readers:

How about 65816 machines?

We're heavily involved in a computer based around that chip. But, final computer becoming a full-fledged product is subject to too many other variations, such as: you start working on it and you decide, no, this computer didn't come out right, it's too long, the actual date it will be done, it's not enough, we have to do a different product. So, it may be as soon as a few months, and it may be as long as a couple years before Apple has a product based around that new processor. Fortunately it is 100% compatible with what we've done before. Meaning it's a compatible upgrade, and that's what the Apple II has to do.

When can we expect a portable //e?

It's ... in the works. We're certainly thinking about it and delving into it and unless the project gets cancelled, probably very soon, but you can never say for sure until it's out.

How about color on the Macintosh?

There is no color on the Macintosh. ... Laser printers ... (and) ... LCD displays ... are converging on black and white technology being appropriate for that product line. There is no color for the Macintosh at this time.

Do you expect to see the 3 1/2 inch disks on the //e?

Apple believes that it's time to start moving the entire company toward higher density, better technology, more modern technology disk drives, and the 3 1/2 inch disk drives from

Sony that is in the Lisa and Macintosh computers now is the proper direction to move in. It'll be interesting to see how it unfolds over time, as to how the conversion is made and yet extreme compatibility and support taken into account. All the software exists today on 5 1/4 inch disks. How do we get there?

It could be like your second disk can be a nice 3 1/2 inch with a lot more storage capability, but it may be years before it's proper to expect bootable software, to be able to boot on 3 1/2 inch drives. It's a challenge, and it just can't be turned over overnight. We could come out with a product for the Apple II today that uses a 3 1/2 inch drive as your only drive, and you know you can't run any of your software on it.... The sales of such a product would not start until there was a software base established.

What are you personally working on?

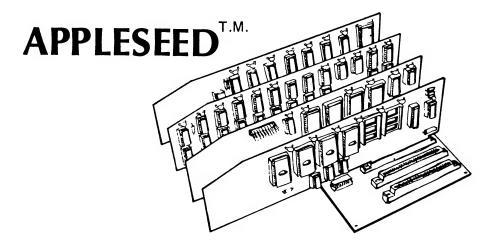
I'm interested in the future Apple II families. We're always pursuing higher performance-to-cost versions of the Apple II. And sometimes that's achieved by integrating several chips down into one custom chip, or by looking at accessories that are very commonplace, that almost everyone's going to buy for their //e. You can build one version of it with a lot of those accessories in and save a lot of money in the end, a lot of hassle. There are ways to improve the cost/performance ratio.

The other end, we're always trying to improve the capabilities of the machine. How are we going to eventually, someday, challenge IBM in the multi-megabyte computer world, the high-end? How are we going to improve performance?, increase screen resolution?, all those sort of questions, those sort of enhancements. I've been working very closely on one of those projects in Apple since returning.

... I think we've got to start heading towards a real, more useful home machine that does have a few of the things that we originally pursued, that we now believe is only about 10% of our market. Things such as: speech recognition and speech generation, built in, because they're relatively inexpensive and easy to do now to some level of quality. And it should also have more of the home-ish features, the features that are used in a personal, home environment built in.

So, that's the gist of it. I would like to thank Stuart Greenfield, of the River City Apple Corps, for the invitation to attend their dinner, and of course thank you, Woz, for coming to visit us.

One last note: Steve referred to a portable Apple //e as "probably very soon". Lately we've been hearing about the Apple //c, a 9-pound machine sporting 128K RAM, one disk drive, built-in serial and parallel ports, and no slots. Also no monitor, which sounds a little strange. Price -- \$1200. The //c announcement is expected in late April.



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Converting to Intellec Hex Format...........Bob Sander-Cederlof

The Prom Burners reviewed elsewhere in this issue all were designed especially for Apple owners, and plug directly into an Apple slot. Believe it or not, there are other computers.... There are many brands of industrial grade prom burners which are not specifically designed for a particular computer host. Most of these connect to a serial port on whatever host computer you choose.

Many of these expect to receive data in a special format, called by some the Intellec Hex Paper Tape Format. Or, since at least two of those capitalized words are rather old-fashioned, the Intellec Hex Format. Intellec is also used to communicate with a variety of Emulation hardware, and Development Systems.

The S-C Assemblers produce either binary files or the binary image in memory of the object code. Can we convert a file or range of RAM to the Intellec format, and send it via a serial port? Sure, it only takes a little software....

Let's first simplify a little by assuming we can BLOAD a binary file first into Apple RAM. Then we only need a program which can translate and send a block of Apple RAM.

I would like to be able to operate the program by a control-Y monitor command. I want to type what looks like the memory move ("M") command: the first address specifies to the target system where the data should load; the second and third addresses specify the Apple RAM to be sent. I also would like to be able to specify which slot the serial port is in, or where in RAM a subroutine to send bytes to the target system can be found if there is no intelligent interface card.

The program I wrote fulfills those wishes. It loads at \$300, and self-installs a control-Y vector for the monitor. Location \$0000 and \$0001 must then be set to the low- and high-bytes of the port, and the "M"-like control-Y command can be typed. For example:

:BRUN B.INTELLEC

:\$0:2 0

:\$F800<800.FFF^O^Y

The port value is 0002, which means slot 2. I wrote the program so that a port value 0001 thru 0007 means a slot number; 0100 thru FFFF means a subroutine address for your own driver; 0000 means send the output where it already is directed when you type the control-Y command. The "^O'Y" on the third line above means "control-O control-Y", which is how you type a control-Y when you are in the S-C Assembler. If you type the command from the monitor (*-prompt), omit the control-O.

I chose to send the data in a form that is compatible with both Intel and Zilog specifications, as I understand them. I do not have any equipment which expects this format around here, so I cannot test the program with live data. If you do, and you

find I have mis-interpreted something, I would sure appreciate some feedback.

There are two types of records sent: data and end-of-file records. Each record begins with a colon (:) and ends with carriage return linefeed (CRLF, which is \$8D8A). The records consist of five fields.

Record length field: two hex digits which specify how many bytes of data will be in the data field. Will be 00 for an end-of-file record. In keeping with Zilog's standard, the maximum length will be 32 bytes.

Address field: four hex digits which specify the load address in a data record, and the run address in an end-of-file record.

Record type field: 00 for a data record, and 01 for an end-of-file record.

Data field: two hex digits for each byte of data specified by the record length field. Empty for an end-of-file record.

Checksum field: two hex digits which represent the complement of the 8-bit sum of the 8-bit bytes which result from converting each pair of hex digits in the other four fields of this record to 8-bit binary values.

Lines 1250-1330 of the program set up the control-Y vector for the Apple Monitor. If this is unfamiliar to you, you might like to read all about it in the October 1981 issue of Apple Assembly Line, pages 14-17.

Briefly, once set up, a control-Y command will branch to your own code. It gives a way to extend the Apple monitor. You can type up to three addresses before the control-Y, and they will be parsed by the monitor and saved in five two-byte variables (called Al, A2, A3, A4, and A5). If you type "aaaa
bbb.cccc" before the control-Y:

aaaa will be saved in A4 and A5 bbbb will be saved in A1 and A3 cccc will be saved in A2

If you wish to pass more than three items of information to the control-Y routine, you can pre-store them in other locations. In my routine, you must pre-store the port value in \$0000 and \$0001.

The whole control-Y routine is shown in just four lines of code: lines 1470-1500. Of course, these are all subroutine calls.

TURN.ON.OUTPUT.PORT (lines 1510-1650) examines locations \$0000 and 0001. If they contain 0000, then the output port is not changed. If they contain 0001 thru 00FF, the lower three bits are used to select an intelligent interface card in slot 1

through 7. A larger value indicates your own driver routine address.

TURN.OFF.OUTPUT.PORT (lines 2010-2030) sets the output back to the Apple screen.

SEND.DATA.RECORDS (lines 1660-1890) divides the area to be transmitted into a number of 32-byte blocks. Each block is send as one data record. The final block may be less than 32 bytes.

SEND.EOF.RECORD (lines 1900-2000) sends the end-of-file record. The original loading address is assumed to be the run address. If you would rather send 0000 for a run address, you can change lines 1960 and 1980 to "LDA #0".

SEND.RECORD (lines 2050-2330) formats and transmits one record of either type, using the count, address, and type information already setup by the caller. It also updates Al and A4 for the next record.

SEND.BYTE (lines 2340-2420) accumulates a byte in the checksum, and then converts it to two hex digits and transmits it.

You can use this program with any of the S-C Macro Assemblers or Cross Assemblers, exactly as shown. If you are using some other brand of assembler, you will probably have to leave the assembler environment to load this program, load the object code you wish to transmit, and run the program.

0000- 0002- 0003- 0004- 0005-	1020 1030 1040 1050 1060 1070	OR \$300 PORT .EQ \$00,01 CHECK.SUM .EQ \$02 TYPE .EQ \$03 COUNT .EQ \$04 REMAINING .EQ \$05,06	
003C- 003E- 0040-	1090 1100	A1 .EQ \$3C,3D A2 .EQ \$3E,3F A3 .EQ \$4C,41 A4 .EQ \$42,43 A5 .EQ \$44,45	
03F8- 03EA-	1150 1160	CTRLY.VECTOR .EQ \$3F8 THRU \$3I DOS.REHOOK .EQ \$3EA	FA
FCB4- FD8E- FDDA- FDED- FRG3-	1180 1190 1200 1210 1220	MON.NXTA4 .EQ \$FCB4 MON.CROUT .EQ \$FDBE MON.PRHEX .EQ \$FDDA MON.COUT .EQ \$FDED MON.SETVID .EQ \$FE93	
	1230 1240 1250	SETUP CONTROL-Y	
0302- 8D F9 03 0305- A9 03 0307- 8D FA 03 030A- A9 4C 030C- 8D F8 03	1260 1270 1280 1290 1300 1310 1320	STA CTRLY.VECTOR+1 LDA /SEND.DATA STA CTRLY.VECTOR+2	

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                                                                                                                                               *0:XX YY (LO,HI OF PORT)

*TARGET<START.END<Y>
IF PORT IS 0, DO NOT CHANGE OUTPUT
IF PORT IS 1..., OUTPUT TO SLOT.
ELSE OUTPUT TO SUBROUTINE
SEND BYTES START...END
                                                                                                                                                                                      TURN ON OUTPUT PORT SEND DATA RECORDS SEND EOF RECORD TURN OFF OUTPUT PORT
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                                                                                                                     SEND.DATA
JSR TURN.ON.OUTPUT.PORT
JSR SEND.DATA.RECORDS
JSR SEND.EOF.RECORD
                                                   1C
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   0310- 20
0313- 20
0316- 20
0319- 40
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TURN.OFF.OUTPUT.PORT
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LDX PORT+1
 031C- A6 01
031E- D0 0A
0320- A5 00
0322- 29 07
0324- F0 0E
0328- D0 03
0328- A6 00
032B- A6 00
032P- 85 37
032F- 86 36
0331- 20 EA
                                                                                         HI-BYTE OF PORT SPECIFIED
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LDA PORT
AND #$07
BEQ .3
ORA #$CO
BNE .2
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0355- F0 08
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                                                                                                                     SEND. DATA. RECORDS
                                                                                                                                                            LDA #0
STA TYPE
INC A2
BNE .1
INC A2+1
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         POINT JUST BEYOND THE END
                                                                                                                                                              SEC
                                                                                                                                                                                  #32
A2
A1
                                                                                                                                                              LDX
                                                                                                                                                              LDA
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        SEE HOW MANY BYTES LEFT
                                                                                                                                                              SBC
                                                                                                                                                                                 REMAINING
A2+1
A1+1
                                                                                                                                                              STA
                                                                                                                                                              LDA
SBC
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CPX
BCC
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        USE MIN(32,A2-A1+1)
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                                                                                                                                                              LDX
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                                                                                                                                                            BEQ .3
STX COUNT
JSR SEND. RECORD
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                                                                                                                                                             JMP
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                                                                                                                    :3
                                                                                                                                                              RTS
                                                                                                                    SEND. EOF. RECORD
0361- A0 00
0363- 84 04
0365- C8
0366- 84 03
0368- 85 44
036A- 85 42
036E- 85 43
0370- 4C 79
                                                                                                                                                             LDY #0
STY COUNT
                                                                                                                                                             INY
STY TYPE
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STA A4
LDA A5+1 RUI
STA A4+1
JMP SEND.RECORD
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       RUN ADDRESS (LO)
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                                                                                                                    TURN.OFF.OUTPUT.PORT
JSR MON.SETVID
 0373- 20 93 FE
0376- 4C EA 03
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2060 SEND. RECORD
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2080 JSR N
2090 LDA
                                                LDA #":"
JSR MON.COUT
                                                LDA #0
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2110
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                                                STA CHECK. SUM
LDA COUNT
JSR SEND. BYTE
                          2130
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                                                LDA A4+1
                                                JSR SEND.BYTE
                                                JSR SEND.BYTE
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                                                SBC
                                                       CHECK . SUM
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JSR MON. CROUT
                                                LDA #$8A
JMP MON.COUT
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                                   SEND. BYTE
03B7- 48
03B8- 18
03B9- 65 02
03BB- 85 02
03BD- 68
03BE- 4C DA FD
                                                PHA
                                                CLC
                                                ADC
ST A
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CHECK.SUM
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                          2410
2420
                                                JMP MON.PRHEX
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Quick DOS Updating vs MASTER.CREATE.....Bob Sander-Cederlof

When DOS was young, Apples tended to have varying amounts of memory under 48K. Some had 16K, which was the standard purchase at a computer store; others 24K, with one row of 16K and two of 4K; others 32K; and some 48K. Trying to write a DOS image that would fit all of these memories was quite a task.

Apple introduced the concept of a "master" and a "slave" disk. Master disks have a generic image of DOS. The boot process first loads the DOS image as though the machine only has 16K RAM, and then the image is relocated as high as possible in memory. Slave disks have a frozen image, already relocated for a particular memory size. The INIT command always creates a slave disk. In order to make a master disk you either copy and old master using COPYA (or equivalent copy program), or you use the MASTER.CREATE program on the DOS System Master Disk. (For a while the MASTER.CREATE program was called UPDATE 3.3.)

But now! But now you will have a difficult time finding an Apple with less than 48K memory. After all, the chips are only about a dollar apiece, or \$8 to \$12 for a set of eight. Who needs master disks anymore?

A lot of people think they do, because MASTER.CREATE is there and the reference manual makes such a big deal about it. And this causes a problem. What if I want a master disk with a modified DOS? MASTER.CREATE always reads the DOS image off the system master disk, and it is unmodified. Well, you can use a disk zap program on a copy of the system master.

Or, you can forget all about MASTER.CREATE and use my handy-dandy little patch installer. The program which follows reads the DOS image from the first 3 tracks into memory from \$4000 thru \$64FF. Then it installs patches from a table of patches; this part is almost identical to the patch installer published in the April 1983 issue of AAL. Finally it writes the patched DOS back on the first three tracks. And it does all this so fast you'll think it never happened.

Once you have coded the patches you want, and have tested them, you can update all your old DOS 3.3 disks almost as fast as you can open and close the drive door. With slight modifications, you could have it write the patched image on successive disks without re-reading and re-patching each time.

Looking at the program, Lines 1200-1240 do the overall job. Just below that, lines 1260-1290 give two entry points to a block of code that sets up an IOB for RWTS and then calls RWTS. The only difference between the two calls is the opcode, either READ or WRITE. Below that point, there is a backwards loop that counts from track 2, sector 4, back to track 0, sector 0. Just for fun, I print out the track and sector numbers just before reading or writing each sector. (If you get tired of the fun, simply delete line 1450, the JSR \$F941.)

The DOS image on tracks 0, 1, and 2 is not in exactly the same order as you find it in memory after booting. Therefore the

patcher maps patch addresses to the new locations. Lines 1060-1080 define the remapping constants. Addresses which in the running image will be between \$B600 and \$BFFF will be located from \$4000 thru \$49FF. If the original was a master, code which does the relocating part of the boot will be found from \$4A00 thru \$4BFF. The code between \$9D00 and \$B5FF will be found from \$4C00 thru \$64FF. The two constants DOS.9D and DOS.B6 are used in figuring the application points of the patches in lines 2110, 2350, and 2540.

For a full explanation of lines 1590-1900, see the April 1983 AAL, pages 24-27. The patch set up to be installed in lines 2020-2580 is the fast LOAD, BLOAD, RUN, BRUN patch from pages 2-8 of the same issue.

```
1050 #_____
1060 DOS.IMAGE
1070 DOS.9D
1080 DOS.86
                                                                       .EQ $4000 - $64FF
.EQ $9D00-DOS.IMAGE-$0C00
.EQ $B600-DOS.IMAGE
  4000-
  5100<del>-</del>
7600-
                                    1090
                                                                       .EQ $3E3
 03E3-
03D9-
                                    1100 GETIOB
                                    1110
                                              RWTS
                                   1120
1130
1140
 B7E8-
B7EB-
                                                                       . EQ
                                                                               $B7E8
IOB+3
IOB+4
                                              IOB
                                              IOB. VOLUME
                                                                       .EQ
 B7EC-
                                   1150
1160
                                              IOB. SECTOR .EQ IOB. BUFADR .EQ
 B7ED-
                                                                               IOB+5
                                                                       . ĒÕ
                                   1170
1180
                                              IOB. OPCODE .EQ IOB+12
                                   1200 PATCH.DOS
1210 JS
1220 JS
1230 JS
1240 RTS
 0800- 20 0A 08
0803- 20 52 08
0806- 20 0D 08
0809- 60
                                                              JSR READ.DOS.IMAGE
JSR PATCHER
JSR WRITE.DOS.IMAGE
                                 080A- A9 01
080C- 2C
                                                                                           READ OPCODE
                                                             LDA #$02 WRITE OPCODE
STA IOB.OPCODE
LDA #0
STA IOB.BUFADR
STA IOB.VOLUME
LDA #DOS.IMAGE/256+16+16+5-1
 080D- A9
080F- 8D
                    F4
 080F- 00
0812- A9 00
0814- 8D F0 B7
0817- 8D EB B7
 081A- A9
081C- 8D
081F- A9
0821- 8D
                                                             STA IOB.BUFADR+1
LDA #2 TRA
STA IOB.TRACK
LDA #4 SEC
                     F1
                     ŌŻ
                                                                                           TRACK 2
                    EC
04
                           B7
0826- 8D ED
0829- 85 04
082D- AD FC
                                                                                           SECTOR 4
                                                             LDA #4 SI
STA IOB. SECTOR
LDA #16+16+5
STA SECTOR.CNT
LDA IOB.TRACK
LDX IOB.SECTOR
JSR #F941
JSR GETIOB
TSP BUTS
                                   1400
1410
1420
                           B7
                                  1420
1430 .1
1440
1450
1460
1470
1480
1490
1500
                           B7
 082D- AD
0830- AE
0833- 20
0836- 20
0839- 20
083C- AC
083F- 88
0840- 10
                    ĘĎ
                           B7
F9
03
03
B7
                    E3
D9
                                                              JSR RWTS
                                                              LDY IOB. SECTOR
                    ED
                                                              DEY
                                                             BPL .2
LDY #15
                                  1510
1520
1530
1540
1550
1560
 0842- AO OF
0844- CE EC
                                                             DEC IOB. TRACK
STY IOB. SECTOR
              ĈE
8C
                    EC
                           B7
B7
                                             .2
                    ED
 084A- CE
084D- C6
                    F1
04
                                                              DEC IOB.BUFADR+1
                                                              DEC
                                                                      SECTOR.CNT
 084F- D0
0851- 60
                                                              BNE
                                   1570
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```
1580 *-----
1590 PATCHER
 0852- A9
0854- 85
0856- A9
0858- 85
                                1600
1610
                  85
00
                                                      LDA #PATCHES-1
STA PNTR
                                                      LDA /PATCHES-1
STA PNTR+1
LDY #0
                  08
01
                               1620
1630
1640
 085A- AO
                   00
                  7D 08
1B
                               1660
1670
1680
            20
                                                       JSR GET.BYTE LENGTH OF NEXT PATCH
  085F- FO
                                                       BEQ .4
                                                                                FINISHED
 0861- AA
0862- 20 7D
0865- 85 02
0867- 20 7D
086A- 85 03
                                                                                SAVE LENGTH IN X
                               1690
1700
                         80
                                                       JSR GET.BYTE ADDRESS OF PATCH
                                                       STA PATCH
JSR GET.BYTE
                               1710
                                1720
1730
                                                       STA PATCH+1
 086C- 20
086F- 91
0871- E6
0873- D0
0875- E6
0877- CA
0878- D0
087A- F0
                                                      JSR GET.BYTE
STA (PATCH),Y
INC PATCH
                  7D
02
02
02
                               1740 .2 JS
1750 ST
1760 IN
1770 BN
1780 IN
1800 3 DE
1810 BN
1810 BN
1820 4 RT
1840 4 RT
1850 GET.BYTE
1850 IN
1870 BN
1880 IN
                               1740
                         80
                                                       BNE
                                                       INC PATCH+1
                   03
                                                       DEX
                                                       BNE
                                                       BEQ
                                                                                 ... ALWAYS
 087C- 60
                                                       RTS
 087D- E6 00
087F- D0 02
0881- E6 01
0883- B1 00
0885- 60
                                                       INC PATR
                                                       BNE .1
INC PNTR+1
                               1890
1900
                                                               (PNTR),Y
                                                       LDA
                                                       RTS
                               S.FAST LOAD
                                                      FAST "LOAD" AND "BLOAD"
                                                      INSTALLED IN UNUSED AREAS IN DOS 3.3:
$BA69-$BA95 (45 BYTES FREE)
$BCDF-$BCFF (33 BYTES FREE)
                               2010
                                                                                .EQ $AC96
.EQ $BOB6
 AC96-
                               2020
                                         READ. RANGE
                                        READ. NEXT. SECTOR
END. OF. DATA. ERROR
RANGE. LENGTH
                               2030
2040
 B0B6-
                                                                                EQQ
                                                                                       $B36F
$B5C1,C2
$B5C3,C4
$B5CB,CC
$B5E4,E5
$B5E6
 B36F-
B5C1-
                               2050
2060
 B5C3-
                                         RANGE. ADDRESS
                                        BUFFER. ADDRESS
SECTOR. COUNT
 B5CB-
                               2070
2080
                                                                                . EQ
 B5E4-
B5E6-
                                                                                . Eò
                               2090
                                        BYTE. OFFSET
                               2100
                             2110 .DA #P1.LENGTH, $BA69-DOS.B6
2120 .PH $BA69
2130 PATCH1 LDA BYTE.OFFSET LAST
2140 .BNE GO.READ.RANGE A SEC
 0886- 2C 69 44
 BA69- AD E6 B5
BA6C- DO 24
                                                                                                  LAST BYTE OF
                                                                                                  A SECTOR?
                              2150
2160
2170
2180
 BA6E- AD C2
BA71- FO 1F
                                                       LDA RANGE.LENGTH+1
                                                                                                  WHOLE SECTOR LEFT?
 BA71- FO 1F
BA73- AD CB B5
BA76- 48
                                                      BEQ
LDA
                                                              GO. READ. RANGE
BUFFER. ADDRESS
                                                                                                  SAVE BUFFER ADDRESS
BA76-
BA77-
BA7A-
BA7A-
BA7B-
AD C3
A7E-
AD C4
                                                       PHA
                              2190
2200
2210
2220
2230
                   CC B5
                                                       LDA BUFFER.ADDRESS+1
                                                       PHA
                       B5
B5
B5
                                                                                                  READ DIRECTLY INTO RANGE
                                                       LDA RANGE. ADDRESS
                                                       STA BUFFER. ADDRESS
                                                       LDA RANGE. ADDRESS+1
                               2240
2250
2250
2260
2270
2280
 BA84- 8D
                   CC B5
                                                             BUFFER.ADDRESS+1
                                        READ. LOOP
 BA87- 20 B6
BA8A- B0 03
BA8C- 4C DF
BA8F- 4C 6F
                                                      JSR READ.NEXT.SECTOR
BCS .1
                         B<sub>0</sub>
                                                      JMP PATCH2
JMP END. OF. DATA. ERROR
                              2290 .1 JMP END.OF.DATA
2300 GO.READ.RANGE
2310 JMP READ.RANGE
2320 P1.LENGTH .EQ *-PATCH1
2330 .EP
                         B3
 BA92-
002C-
            4C 96 AC
```

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08B5- 21 DF 46 2350
2360
BCDF- EE E4 B5 2370
BCE2- DO 03 2380
BCE4- EE E5 B5 2390
                                                .DA #P2.LENGTH, $BCDF-DOS.B6
                                  PATCH2 INC SECTOR.COUNT
BNE .1
BCDF- EE E4 B5
BCE2- D0 03
BCE4- EE E5 B5
BCE7- EE C4 B5
BCEA- EE CC B5
BCED- CE C2 B5
                                                INC SECTOR.COUNT+1
                         2400
2410
2420
2430
2440
                                                INC RANGE. ADDRESS+1
INC BUFFER. ADDRESS+1
                                                                                       NEXT PAGE
                                                DEC RANGE.LENGTH+1
BCF0- DO OB
BCF2- 68
BCF3- 8D CC B5
BCF6- 68
BCF7- 8D CB B5
                                                BNE
                                                PLA
                                                                                RESTORE BUFFER
                          2450
2460
                                                 STA BUFFER.ADDRESS+1
                                                PLA
                                                STA BUFFER. ADDRESS
BCFA- 4C 96 AC
                                                JMP READ.RANGE
                           2500
                                                JMP READ.LOOP
BCFD- 4C 87 BA
                           2510 P2.LENGTH .EQ -PATCH2
0021-
                         2540 .DA #P3.LENGTH, $ACA5-DOS.9D

2550 .PH $ACA5

2560 PATCH3 JMP PATCH1

2570 P3.LENGTH .EQ *-PATCH3

2580 .EP
2520
2530
08D9- 03 A5 5B 2540
                                                . EP
ACA5- 4C 69 BA
0003-
08DF- 00
```

Burning and Erasing EPROMs......Bob Sander-Cederlof

We get a lot of questions about EPROM burners and erasers. Perhaps this list will help...

Burners

PROM Blaster System, \$119, Apparat, 4401 South Tamarac Parkway, Denver, CO 80237. Phone (303) 741-1778 or (800) 525-7674. Will burn most 24-pin EPROMS. Price includes personality modules for 2704, 2708, 2508, 2758, 2716(TI), 2516, 2716, 2532, 2732, 2732A, 68764, 2815, and 2816. ZIF socket for EPROM. No power switch, so you must power down the Apple whenever you insert or remove an EPROM.

Apple-PROM, \$149.95, Computer Technology Associates, 1704 Moon N.E., Suite 14, Albuquerque, NM 87112. Phone (505)298-0942. Will burn most 24-pin EPROMS. DIP switch selection for 2708, 2716, 2516, 2532, 2732, 2732A, 2764, 2564. Low insertion force socket for EPROM.

Romwriter, \$175, Mountain Computer....(I cannot find any recent ads, but they are still listed in distributor catalogs). We have heard that they are no longer manufacturing this card, but there are still many available. Only burns 2716 (single voltage version, not TI). ZIF for EPROM. Power switch on card allows you to safely insert and remove EPROMs without turning off your Apple. I have been using this one for several years with no problems, although I did rewrite the software to suit my own tastes and needs.

Quick EPROM Writer, \$149, available from Handwell Corp., 4962 El Camino Real, Suite 119, Los Altos, CA 94022. Phone (415) 962-9265. Made in Taiwan by "COPAM". Burns both 24- and 28-pin EPROMs. All software is in firmware on the card. Nice menu select for 2716, 2516, 2532, 2732, 2732A, 2564, 2764, and 27128. No personality modules or switch selection required, as all configuration is software controlled. Power is applied to and removed from the ZIF socket under software control, so that EPROMs can be inserted and removed without turning off your Apple. Manual includes schematic, pinout diagrams for EPROMs, and a (sparsely) commented listing of firmware. The firmware apparently implements an intelligent burning algorithm, which burns twice as long as it takes to get the byte burned, rather than using a fixed delay for each byte. The result is much faster burn times than most other burners listed here.

HM3264, \$395, Hollister Microsystems, 508l Fairview, Hollister, CA 95023. Phone (408) 637-0753. Programs 2716, 2732, 2732A, 2764, and 27128. Henry Spragens uses this one, and says it is very well designed and built, though expensive. Henry has modified the software Hollister provides to use the intelligent burn algorithm (it was pretty slow until he did this). Hollister use the C800-CFFF address space, like Mountain Computer does, as a 2048-byte window into the EPROM. Bank switching on the card lets you program larger EPROMS. Power switch on card allows you to safely insert and remove chips. A program switch helps prevent inadvertent programming.

Model EP-2A-79, \$169 plus \$17 to \$35 each for personality modules and \$19 to \$40 for software. Optimal Technology, Earlysville, VA 22936. Phone (804) 973-5482. Programs full range from 2708 through 27128, plus 38E70 and 8751 MPUs, assuming you purchase the corresponding personality modules and software. It is not clear to me whether this plugs directly into an Apple or requires a separate serial interface card.

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QUV-T8 EPROM Erasers, Logical Devices, 1321E N.W. 65 Place, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Phone (305) 974-0967 or (800) EE1-PROM (that is 331-7766). Four models, ranging from \$49.95 to \$124.95. I use and recommend the \$97.50 model, which includes a slide-out tray, anti-static foam pad, UV indicator lens, timer, and safety interlock switch.

Spectronics, marketed by JDR Microdevices, 1224 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128. Phone (800) 662-6279 or (408) 995-5430. Six models from \$83 to \$595. The \$83 unit has no timer, all the others do. [JDR's latest ad in Byte shows eight 250nsec 4116's for \$7.95!]

Jade Computer Products carries both brands of EPROM Erasers. Their price on the least expensive Spectronics is only \$69.95.

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WIZARD80	MORE	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES
VISIONBO	MORE	VIS	115	NC	50	YES	NO	NO	NO
OMNIVISION	MORE	50	115	NO	50	NO	NO.	YES	YES
VIEWMAX80	MORE	YES	VES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES
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VIDIOTORAL	MORE			VEC		vec	156	10	vec

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Using EXEC Files with Rak-Ware's DISASM......Bob Kovacs

[Bob is the author of DISASM, owner of Rak-Ware]

I recently received a phone call from Alan Lloyd who had just purchased DISASM. He wanted to use it to disassemble the Autostart ROM so he could customize the code for a particular application. He was frustrated by the limited editing capabilities of DISASM which makes you start all over again if you don't catch your mistake before hitting RETURN. Since he had to enter the starting and ending addresses of over a dozen data tables, he began searching for an easier (and less painful) way of entering the data. He decided to try using an EXEC file with DISASM, and it worked! Well, sort of.

I thought about the problems he ran into, and found out some interesting things about the S-C Macro Assembler along the way. It turns out that with the help of a small patch to DISASM that it is possible to run the entire program via "remote control" using an EXEC file.

The first step is to create the TEXT file that will later be EXECed. You can do this in a word processor, if your word processor makes ordinary DOS text files. Or you can write an Applesoft program to help you build an array of addresses and the proper answers to the various prompts in DISASM, and then write a complete EXEC file. I decided to use the S-C Macro Assembler, because you can use the TEXT <filename> command to write a text file. You can have the assembler in the language card, DISASM at \$800, the thing to be disassembled wherever you want, and pop back and forth fast as lightning.

Just enter each line of "source" as if you were responding to the questions put to you be DISASM. You can even include lines to turn on display of DOS commands and I/O (MONIOC), and the BLOADing of DISASM and NAMETABLE.

The S-C Macro Assembler does make one thing difficult. Some of the questions asked by DISASM require a null line (a RETURN all by itself), and S-C makes it very hard to get a null line. The first of these is used to terminate the entry of data table addresses. (Alan was satisfied to have his EXEC file stop here and take over manually.)

Normally, S-C does not let you enter totally empty lines. Typing a line number without any following text is one of the ways to DELETE a line, just as in both BASIC's. After a little experimenting I discovered a trick to fool the S-C input routine. I still don't get a totally empty line, but I can put extra RETURNs into an existing line. Here's how:

- Type in the text of all the non-null lines you want in your EXEC file.
- Use the EDIT command to insert extra RETURNs in the proper places: move the cursor to the character position desired, and type ctrl-O followed by RETURN to insert each

extra RETURN. Each extra RETURN will show up as an inverse "M" as you are editing. Then type one more RETURN to exit the EDIT mode.

The next problem I ran into was the Y/N responses for the "Full Cross-Reference" and "Generate Text File" questions. DISASM looks directly at the keyboard for those two responses, so it is blind to any EXEC file inputs. A five byte patch fixes all that, so you can use EXEC file as well as keyboard inputs. Just change the code starting at location \$C5A from AD 00 C0 10 FB to 20 18 FD 09 80.

The following arbitrary example illustrates how an EXEC file might look when typed into the S-C assembler (extra RETURNs are indicated by <M>):

```
1000 MONTOC
1010 BLOAD DISASM
1020 BLOAD NAMETABLE
1030 $800G
                          (Use call 2048 to EXEC from BASIC)
1040 2
                           (select S-C Assembler format)
1050 F800
                     (starting physical address)
(ending physical address)
(starting execution address)
(table #1 start)
(table #1 end)
(table #1 format)
(table #2 start)
(table #2 end)
(table #2 format)
(table #3)
                           (starting physical address)
1060 F9B9
1070 F800
1080 F8CD
1090 F8CF
1100 3
1110 F962
1120 F9A5
1130 5
1130 5
1140 F9A6
1150 F9B3
1160 8
1170 F9B4
                   (table #4)
1180 F9B9
1190 6
1200 <M>2000
                           (end of tables, and NAMETABLE address)
1210 0
                           (no printer output)
                           (RETURN for no single cross reference,
1220 <M>NYDEMO
                           N for no full cross reference,
                            Y for creating a textfile named DEMO)
```

(Of course, you realize that the explanatory comments in parentheses are not supposed to be typed.) I advise you to SAVE the lines on a file as S-C source code, using the SAVE <filename> command. This will become the copy you re-LOAD when you want to make changes. Then use the TEXT <filename> command to write out the EXEC file. Finally, EXEC <filename> to run the disassembly!

When EXECing, the table addresses are entered at a blinding speed that is almost imposssible to follow. If your text file has an error in it such that it does not conform to the DISASM input syntax, then things can go very wrong very fast. For those of you who would rather not see things move along quite so fast, I suggest adding a small patch to the COUT vector which provides a short delay. The following program works fine:

\$300:48 PHA
A9 80 LDA #\$80
20 A8 FC JSR \$FCA8
68 PLA
4C FO FD JMP \$FDF0

You can hook this into DOS from the assembler by typing "\$36:00 03 N 3EAG". Then change line 1030 above to \$812G (or CALL 2048+18 for EXEC from BASIC) to bypass DISASM's effort to setup the default DOS vectors.

Or you can even include all this stuff along with the original EXEC file. Either way, it is easier to use DISASM with an EXEC file when there are lots of data tables to be entered and you have fumble-fingers at the keyboard.

From now on, DISASM will be shipped with the five-byte patch indicated above already installed, and with two sample EXEC files designed to be EXECed from BASIC.

Macro Source Code Now Available......Bob Sander-Cederlof

We have finally become convinced that we should make the source code of our S-C Macro Assembler available for purchase. Many of you have requested, for a long time now. We have resisted, I suppose through a mild case of the same paranoia which causes so many other software publishers to use copy protection and license agreements (which we eschew).

We have absolutely no experiential basis for mistrust. You have all treated our previous offerings of source code in the most honorable fashion, and we expect you will continue to do so.

Effective immediately, registered owners of Version 1.1 of the S-C Macro Assembler can purchase the source code for \$100. You will be able to assemble it to obtain a paper listing, study it to learn techniques, and modify it to your own tastes. We hope many of you will make improvements and send them back to us for inclusion in future versions.

The code resides on two nearly-full diskettes. You need at least two drives to assemble it. The source is fully commented, and is organized in a logical easy-to-follow manner.

If you do not yet own Version 1.1, you may purchase or upgrade to it simultaneously with the purchase of the source code, if you wish. If you are one of those who purchased the Version 4.0 source code, we will give you \$40 credit toward the purchase of the Macro 1.1 source.

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